

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 232

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lesslie Yolanda Carter Williams of Riddleton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Lesslie Yolanda Carter Williams; and

WHEREAS, Lesslie Williams was an exemplary woman and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on March 1, 1967, Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Hosea Edward Carter, Jr., and Joanna Bell Carter; she was a 1985 graduate of Smith County High School and went on to earn a degree in computer and office occupations from the Tennessee Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, she began what would be a twenty-one-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a program analyst; she served at all three of the Mid-Cumberland area dams, Center Hill Dam, and Dale Hollow Dam, and she had worked at the Cordell Hull office on Corps Lane in Carthage since 2006; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout religious faith, Lesslie Williams was saved and united with the Lily Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a member of the choir and a faithful and dedicated member until her passing; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Lesslie Williams will be mourned and lovingly remembered by her husband of nearly twenty years, Harold Wayne Williams; daughter, Jalessa (Randy) Crawford; son, Jamal Carter; two step-daughters, Rhonda Slagle and Kristi (Ryan) Prichard; grandsons, Tyler

(Chelsea) Slagle and Clark Prichard; sister, Stacey Carter (Quenton) Alexander; and brothers, Clifton Carter, Maurice Carter, and Preston (Norletta) Carter; and

WHEREAS, she is further remembered by her nieces, Q'Londa Maynard, Q'Mya Maynard, and O'Breona Carter; nephews, Q'Lon Maynard and Keon Carter; and devoted friends, Frances McDonald and Emily Sue Carrick; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her grandmother, Mary "Emma" Callie; and

WHEREAS, Lesslie Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lesslie Yolanda Carter Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.